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TO LATTANZI FROM PETERS

E.O. 11652 N/A
SUBJECT: IBADAN BOOK CONFERENCE

REF: A. LATTANZI/PETERS TELECON B. USIA 30602-U

1. MET WITH MRS. SEGUN THIS AM TO DISCUSS POINTS ITEMIZED DURING OUR RECENT TELECON. AS RESULT THIS MEETING, SHE IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED QUERY FMG OFFICIAL RE NEED CLEAR PROPOSED "PRIVATELY SPONSORED" BOOKWEEK PROJECT WITH MEA AND WAS INFORMED AS SHE "ADVISED BAENSCH" THAT MEA CLEARANCE IS A NECESSITY AND THAT "HE SHOULD HAVE HEEDED" HER ADVICE.

2. IN LIGHT ABOVE, WE SUBMITTING DIP NOTE MEA OUTLING PROPOSAL AND REQUESTING ENDORSEMENT. HOWEVER, LAGOS AND BRANCHES HOLDING INVITATIONS REQUESTED PARA 13 (REF. B) AND THOSE SENT BY BAENSCH UNTIL WE HAVE MEA APPROVAL. REALIZE DELAY MAY CAUSE LACK PARTICIPATION TOP STATE OFFICIALS, BUT SEE NO OTHER FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE ASSIST/ EXPEDITE.

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3. HAVE NOTED ON BAENSCH ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVITATIONS JUST

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RECEIVED THAT HE CITES THE "COOPERATION/PARTICIPATION" OF SEVERAL NIGERIAN ORGANIZATIONS. DOES HE HAVE CONCURRENCE OF EACH LISTED? NEED KNOW BEFORE WE DISTRIBUTE.

4. ASSUME DATES JANUARY 19-26 CONTAINED PARA 1 (REF. B) INTENDED READ JANUARY 19-23.

5. FYI: ACCORDING MRS. SEGUN, BAENSCH'S FREE WHELLING TACTICS HAVE DONE MORE TO CONFUSE ARRANGEMENTS/ PLANS THAN HELP. SHE CITED MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF HIS SENDING TELEGRAPHIC INVITATION TO FED. COMMISSIONER ED. WITHOUT ADVISING HER SO SHE COULD PROPERLY BRIEF COMMISSIONER AND FOLLOW UP. AS RESULT, INVITATION CAME AS SURPRISE TO COMMISSIONER SINCE THIS CORRESPONDENCE REPRESENTED FIRST AND ONLY INFO HE HAD RECEIVED RE CONFERENCE. MRS. SEGUN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT COMMISSIONER WILLING CONSIDER PARTICIPATING OPENING CEREMONY (AS IS SHE) IF PROJECT IS ENDOSED BY MEA.

6. REQUEST ADVISE RE PARA 3 AND 4 ABOVE.
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